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"Much food is in the tillage of the poor; but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment."

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## P R E F A C E.

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HAVING received several applications for a copy of this little work on "Wheat"—moreover, being invited to prepare a Second Edition—it will be my endeavour to render it as acceptable now to my brother farmers as it was originally. There can be little offered by me that is new;—the great amount of information to be gathered in the valuable Reports of the Royal Agricultural Society of England is so extensive as to almost exhaust the subject. The only merit belonging to this book may be, that it condenses the matter. How it was received with favour on its first appearance, in the year 1836, may be seen by the various notices of the volume.



## CRITICAL NOTICES OF THE FIRST EDITION.

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*From the "SCOTSMAN," February 8, 1837.*

This little work ("On the Varieties, Properties, and Classification of Wheat," by John Le Couteur, Esq., Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Jersey Militia, and Aide-de-Camp to the King, 1836) should be in the possession of every cultivator of wheat. We do not regard it as exaggeration to say that it will do more for the agriculture of the empire than has been effected by all the societies instituted for the purposes of agricultural improvement put together. Colonel Le Couteur has struck into the right path, and not only has exhibited that care and discrimination which alone can render the culture of wheat completely successful, but has pointed out the means by which all the *Cerealia* may be managed with the fullest benefit to the grower and to the public. To our surprise he has dedicated his work to the Central Agricultural Association of Great Britain and Ireland—an Association evidently not brought together on the principles on which our author's experiments have been founded; but for the purpose of keeping up rent unjustly, and tampering with the currency to effect that end; deeming the filling of landlords' pockets at the expense of the tenantry a fit object for legislative interference. Our author is a member of the Association; and it is astonishing that he should address it with adulation while its objects are purely selfish, and his own to bring about amelioration in the only manner that is rational—viz., by selecting and improving the best varieties of corn, and cultivating them in the most economical manner.

But to proceed. In our opinion Colonel Le Couteur's labours place him in a higher position than any one who has preceded him in agricultural experiment. His attention to the subject of Wheat was arrested by Professor La Gasca, of Madrid, who pointed out to him that no fewer than fourteen sorts were growing promiscuously in his field at